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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PBOR, XF, US

SUBJECT: BEGIN'S SINAI PROPOSAL

REF: TEL AVIV 2170

1. WE HAVE BEEN REFLECTING ON SIGNIFICANCE OF BEGIN'S STATEMENT TO YOU THAT HE HAD ABOUT REACHED THE CONCLUSION THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE FOR HIM BUT TO WITHDRAW FORMALLY HIS SINAI PROPOSAL. WE DO NOT DOUBT THAT IN HIS PRESENT MOOD HE MAY BE SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATING THIS, BUT RECOGNIZE THERECOULD ALSO BE AN ELEMENT OF SEEKING TACTICAL ADVANTAGE IN HIS DEALYNG WITH US. BEGIN MAY INDEED REGRET HAVING OFFERED FULL WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI, BUT HE MUST KNOW THAT WITHDRAWAL OF THE OFFER NOW WOULD BRING ABOUT COLLAPSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE WONDER IF WHAT HE IS DOING IS IN EFFECT TELLING US THAT IF WE

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CONTINUE TO PRESS HIM ON THE SINAI SETTLEMENTS ISSUE, WE WILL BE WRECKING THE CHANCES FOR NEGOTIATIONS. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT IN THIS REGARD.

2. YOU HAVE ADEQUATELY MADE THE POINT THAT BEGIN SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION FOR THE MOMENT. BELIEVE IT BEST THAT WE NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO GO BACK TO BEGIN

OR DISPLAY CONCERN, BUT IF SUBJECT COMES UP AGAIN IT
WOULD SEEM PRUDENT TO MAKE POINT THAT, WHILE THE
DECISION IS OF COURSE HIS TO MAKE, OUR BEST JUDGMENT
IS THAT A DECISION TO WITHDRAW HIS SINAI PROPOSAL
AND REPLACE IT WITH ONE CHANGING THE BORDER TO PLACE
THE SETTLEMENTS UNDER ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY, EVEN WITH
EXCHANGE OF TERRITORY BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, WOULD
BRING ABOUT THE COLLAPSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE
ARE SURE BEGIN DOES NOT WANT THAT, AND THAT HIS
GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT WANT RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH
A DEVELOPMENT.

3. IF IN MEETINGS HERE DAYAN RAISES POSSIBILITY OF
GOI'S WITHDRAWING ITS SINAI PROPOSAL WE WILL RESPONSE
ALONG ABOVE LINES. VANCE

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